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SUBJ: ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN ITALIANS AND NSF ON
MEDICAL CARE

DEPT. PASS DEVEY/NSF

REF: ROME'S A-789, DECEMBER 31, 1974

1. AS NOTED IN THE REF AIRGRAM THE VISIT OF NSF-SPONSORED MEDICAL TEAM TO EGYPT WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY THE LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN MEDICAL COMMUNITY. AFTER THAT VISIT, THE DEPT-SPONSORED (CU) VISIT OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY TO ROME MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION UPON THE ITALIAN MEDICAL COMMUNITY. SO MUCH SO THAT PROF. GIUNCHI, THE VICE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME AND PERSONAL PHYSICIAN TO THE POPE AND THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY, HAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION NOTED IN REF AIRGRAM OF FEB. 28.

2. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE EXCELLENT MOMENTUM GENERATED BY THE USIS/CU/EMB EFFORT, IT IS HOPED WE CAN MEET THE ITALIAN REQUEST. WE ENVISAGE A TEAM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SPECIALISTS IN THE MEDICAL AND TECHICAL FIELD ASSOCIATED WITH THE NASA HOUSTON STARPAC PROGRAM THAT IS BEING PREPARED FOR TESTING IN ARIZONA.

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3. ALSO IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF DR. GIL DEVEY
OF NSF COULD ACCOMPANY THE TEAM SINCE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED
WITH THE PROGRAM FROM ITS CONCEPTION.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY SOONEST.VOLPE

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